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Docket No. 23US

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In re application of:

Vivian F. Liu

Serial No.: 09/929,513

Filed: August 13, 2001

For: **METHOD FOR ANALYZING CELLULAR  
EVENTS**

Examiner: Not Assigned

Art Unit: 1645

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Sir:

Pursuant to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application, enclosed are the following items for the above-identified application:

- 1) Formal drawings to replace informal drawings 1-8 submitted with the original application papers.
- 2) An amendment canceling other pages that may have been considered to be drawings, but that were in fact not submitted as drawings.
- 3) Copy of Notice of Incomplete Reply (Non-Provisional).
- 4) Postcard.

The following materials were ALREADY SUBMITTED IN AN EARLIER RESPONSE TO THE NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS:

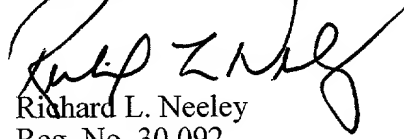
- 5) Executed Declaration.
- 6) Form PTO-1595 & Assignment.
- 7) Filing fees.



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AMENDMENT AND CORRECTION OF  
DRAWINGS

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Sir:

Entry of the following amendment and replacement of the original "drawings" with formal drawings prior to examination are requested.

IN THE DRAWINGS

Cancel all 63 sheets of "drawings" submitted with the original application papers and replace with the enclosed formal drawings for Figures 1-8.

REMARKS

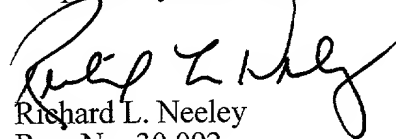
Sixty-three (63) pages of informal "drawings" were submitted with the original application papers. In fact, only those original drawings identified as "Figures 1-8" were intended to be considered as "drawings" for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of 37 CFR 1.81(a), which relates to drawings that are "necessary for the understanding of the subject matter sought to be patented." Furthermore, for the record, it should be noted that not all of these intended drawings of Figures 1-8 are necessary for an understanding of the invention.

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The remaining "drawings" are copies of slides from a PowerPoint slide presentation (prior to presentation and/or other publication) and were made part of the specification in anticipation of an examiner possibly desiring non-essential drawings under 37 CFR 1.81(c) [illustration of the invention] or even additional illustration of aspects of the invention under 37 CFR 1.81(a). These slides are discussed on page 4 of the specification at the end of the section entitled "Brief Description of the Drawings." The slides contain graphical illustrations of various examples of the practice of the invention that are described in writing in the specification. They were submitted as part of the original specification to make easier the submission of drawings at a later time if desired by an examiner, thereby avoiding issues under 37 CFR 1.81(d) and other relevant regulations relating to the submission of material after the original application, which submissions might have been considered to be "new matter."

Although the original PowerPoint slides are being canceled by this amendment, they do form part of the original filing. Accordingly, if the examiner in charge of this application believes that such "drawings" are desirable to illustrate the invention, he or she is invited to discuss the situation with the undersigned during the examination process. If no further drawings are desired or if certain slides are converted into drawings, an appropriate amendment will be made to the specification and/or formal drawings will be submitted during the examination process.

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## NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

*Filing Date Granted*

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 10/15/2001 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 09/18/2001 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - Drawings must be in dark ink (not pencil), except where color drawings or photographs are permitted.
  - Drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwritings, interlineations, folds, and copy marks.

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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